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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ELECTION
OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This Amendment and Response to Election of Species Requirement is responsive to the Official Action (the Action) dated August 15, 2000.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

In Claim 85 through Claim 89, line 1 of each, please delete "is".

In the following claims, please delete "is" and replace the chemical structure with the amended chemical structure, which properly shows a double bond in the alkylene moiety:

90. (Amended) The method of claim 46, wherein the oligomer [is] has a formula:
$$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}=\text{CH})_6(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_2(\text{OC}_2\text{H}_4)_m\text{OH}$$

(Formula 6)

91. (Amended) The method of claim 46, wherein the oligomer [is] has a formula:
$$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}=\text{CH})_6(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{C}_x(\text{OC}_2\text{H}_4)_m\text{OH}$$

(Formula 7)

Remarks

Claims 85 through 91 have been amended to correct typographical errors.
The Action requests a species election of Group II from Species A through N.
Applicants hereby elect the drug-oligomer conjugate recited in Claim 94 for prosecution on the merits